(*f*) Pay of nurses was revised from Rs. 20—2—40 to Rs. 30—5/2—60. Pay of compounders was received from Rs. 16—1—25—1½—40 to Rs. 20—2—40. The rural midwives were given only an allowance of Rs. 12. Now a pay of Rs. 16—1—30 has been sanctioned to qualified midwives. The pay of Health visitors to Rs. 16—1—30. No general revision of pay of Health visitors has been sanctioned. But the Health visitors working in Health Centres have been allowed a grade of Rs. 30—40.

(*h*) Nurses—Diploma or departmental test qualification after three years course training in a recognised hospital. Compounders—Diploma or departmental test qualification after a year's course of training. Rural midwives—Midwifery test after one year's training. Health visitors—Midwifery test and Health visitors course. The minimum educational qualification for all these posts is School Final.

ERUMAPETTY—REGISTRY OFFICE

776. Mr. Paramel Iype Iype *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether the Government has any idea to start a District Registrar's or sub-Registrar's Office at Erumapetty?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: The question of opening a District Registrar's Office at Erumapetty is under the consideration of Government.

777. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the article under the caption "ചൊറായി" in the Sahodaran dated 19th January 1946 on page 2 of the said paper;

(*b*) who is the Head constable mentioned in the said article and who was the gentleman whom he arrested;

(*c*) did the Government make any enquiry into the allegation in the article and what was the result of the enquiry?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Head constable is 291 Mathan of Pallipuram out-post. Nobody was arrested.

(*c*) Yes. Enquiry disclosed that one Cheriapadath Ittiathi Kandan was warned for squatting on the road and chatting with another, causing obstruction to traffic.

MALABAR MAIL—WITHDRAWAL OF PRIVILEGES

778. Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether certain privileges of the "Malabar Mail" have been withdrawn recently;

(*b*) if so, what are they;

(*c*) what are the reasons for the action taken?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Press Room privileges have been withdrawn. Free supply of Government publications and giving of advertisements have been stopped.

(*c*) For intemperate criticisms of the Travancore administration and for publication of inaccurate reports of the incidents that took place at Thevara on the 11th March 1946.

KARITHLA THODU

779. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എ. രാഘവൻ:

പള്ളിപ്പുറം വില്ലേജിൽ മെയിൻ റോഡിൽ സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യുന്ന കരിത്തല തോടിന്റെ പാലം ആളപായം വരുത്തക്കവിധത്തിൽ കേടുപാടു് സംഭവിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു് ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽപെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ:

ഈ പാലത്തിന്റെ കേടുപാടുകൾ തീർക്കേണ്ടതു് വളരെ അത്യാവശ്യമാണു്. ഈ പണി നിർവ്വഹിക്കുന്നതിനു വേണ്ടുന്ന നടപടികൾ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും എടുത്തുവരുന്നുണ്ടു്.

KANJOOR WATER WORKS

780. Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether the Government are aware that vast amount has been spent by the Government for the Kanjoor Water Works and maximum benefit is not derived out of it as the agriculturists are not supplied with sufficient water for their cultivation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:

Leakages in the supply canal have been a major source of trouble in the Vellarapilly irrigation system. Steps are being taken to stop these leakages.

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